

EXHIBIT 1

**Order granting in part defendants' motion to bifurcate in
Jones v. Blige, No. 04-60184, Docket No. 79
(E.D. Mich. Mar. 24. 2006)**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

LEONARD JONES and JAMES E. WHITE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 04-60184

HON. MARIANNE O. BATTANI

MARY J. BLIGE, et. al,

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO BIFURCATE AND
DENYING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME**

Before the Court are Defendants Universal-MCA Music Publishing, Universal Music Group, Inc and Mary J. Blige's Motion to Bifurcate Trial (Doc. #66) and Plaintiffs' Motion for an Enlargement of Time to Submit Expert Damages Report (Doc. #67). For the reasons stated on the record at a hearing held on March 22, 2006, the Court **GRANTS in part** Defendants' motion and **DISMISSES as moot** Plaintiff's motion.

Discovery on liability is hereby bifurcated from discovery on damages. Accordingly, the deadline for discovery on liability issues is **April 1, 2006**; dispositive motions shall be filed on or before **April 28, 2006**. The Court will issue a revised scheduling order, if necessary, after ruling on any dispositive motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Marianne O. Battani

MARIANNE O. BATTANI

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: March 24, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon Daniel D. Quick, Gregory J. Reed and Jay C. Kakaty on this date by ordinary mail and/or electronic filing.

s/Bernadette M. Thebolt
Case Manager